CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--1. (currently amended) In a toilet of the type having a trapway, the trapway extending between a bowl opening and an outlet, the trapway having a curved water dam region extending from the bowl opening to above the bowl opening to a down leg, the improvement comprising:

the down leg slopes <u>in essentially uniform cross-section</u> in a rearward direction from <u>its top</u> the water dam region to an essentially horizontal baffle extending forward from a rear wall of the down leg adjacent a lower portion of the down leg, the lower portion of the down leg being linked to an out leg communicating with the outlet.

- 2. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the trapway has a circular cross-section throughout the curved water dam region.
- 3. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the curved water dam region includes a dam down leg radius adjacent the down leg between about 1.5 and 4.0 inches.
- 4. (original) The toilet of claim 3, wherein the dam down leg radius is between about 2.25 and 3.5 inches.
 - 5. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the out leg is essentially horizontal.
- 6. (original) The toilet of claim 5, wherein at least a portion of the out leg is straight.
- 7. (currently amended) The toilet of claim 1, In a toilet of the type having a trapway, the trapway extending between a bowl opening and an outlet, the trapway having a curved water dam region extending from the bowl opening to above the bowl opening to a down leg, the improvement comprising:

the down leg slopes in a rearward direction from its top to an essentially horizontal baffle extending forward from a rear wall of the down leg adjacent a lower portion of the down leg, the lower portion of the down leg being linked to an out leg communicating with the outlet;

wherein the baffle has a ledge length of between about 0.5 and 2.5 inches measured from the rear wall of the down leg.

- 8. (original) The toilet of claim 7, wherein the ledge length is between about 0.7 and 1.5.
- 9. (currently amended) The toilet of claim 1, In a toilet of the type having a trapway, the trapway extending between a bowl opening and an outlet, the trapway having a curved water dam region extending from the bowl opening to above the bowl opening to a down leg, the improvement comprising:

the down leg slopes in a rearward direction from its top to an essentially horizontal baffle extending forward from a rear wall of the down leg adjacent a lower portion of the down leg, the lower portion of the down leg being linked to an out leg communicating with the outlet;

wherein the baffle has a ledge height of between about 1.5 and 3.0 inches measured from a bottom of the out leg.

- 10. (original) The toilet of claim 9, wherein the ledge height is between about 1.75 and 2.5 inches.
- 11. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the down leg is straight.
- 12. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the down leg slopes less than 15 degrees from vertical.

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- 13. (original) The toilet of claim 12, wherein the down leg slopes between about 1 and 8 degrees from vertical.
- 14. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the trapway has a minimum ball passage of about 2 inches.
- 15. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the up leg has a circular cross-section.
 - 16. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the up leg has a flat interior wall.
- 17. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the out leg has a circular cross-section.
 - 18. (original) The toilet of claim 1, wherein the out leg has a flat interior wall.--